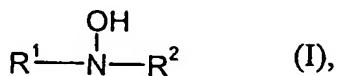


WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An anti-skimming agent comprising
 - a) an organic compound of formula (I)

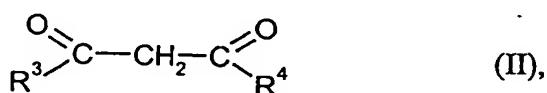


5 where

R^1 and R^2 mutually independently represent hydrogen, a linear or branched, saturated or unsaturated $\text{C}_1\text{-}\text{C}_{20}$ aliphatic radical, which can optionally be mono- or polysubstituted, or a $\text{C}_6\text{-}\text{C}_{12}$ aryl radical, a $\text{C}_7\text{-}\text{C}_{14}$ araliphatic radical or a $\text{C}_5\text{-}\text{C}_7$ cycloaliphatic radical,

10 and either or both of

- b) an organic compound of formula (II)



where

R^3 represents hydrogen, a hydroxyl radical, a saturated or unsaturated

15 $\text{C}_1\text{-}\text{C}_{19}$ aliphatic radical, a $\text{C}_1\text{-}\text{C}_7$ alkoxy radical, or an amine radical - NR^7R^8 ,

R^4 represents hydrogen, hydroxyl radical, a saturated or unsaturated $\text{C}_1\text{-}\text{C}_{19}$ aliphatic radical, a $\text{C}_1\text{-}\text{C}_7$ alkoxy radical, or an amine radical - NR^9R^{10} ,

20 R^7 and R^8 mutually independently represent hydrogen or a $\text{C}_1\text{-}\text{C}_6$ aliphatic radical,

R^9 and R^{10} mutually independently hydrogen or a $\text{C}_1\text{-}\text{C}_6$ aliphatic radical, and

- c) an organic compound of formula (III)



where

- R^5 represents hydrogen, a hydroxyl radical or a $\text{C}_1\text{-}\text{C}_7$ alkoxy radical and
- 5 R^6 represents hydrogen or an amine radical $-\text{NR}^{11}\text{R}^{12}$, R^{11} and R^{12} mutually independently represent hydrogen, $\text{C}_1\text{-}\text{C}_6$ aliphatic radical, or $\text{C}_5\text{-}\text{C}_7$ cycloaliphatic radical, or amine radical $-\text{NR}^1\text{R}^2$ with the proviso that R^5 and R^6 are not simultaneously hydrogen.
- 10 2. The anti-skinning agent of claim 1 further comprising water and/or an organic solvent.
- 3. The anti-skinning agent of claim 1 wherein R^3 represents a substituted $\text{C}_1\text{-}\text{C}_{19}$ aliphatic radical, a substituted $\text{C}_1\text{-}\text{C}_7$ alkoxy radical, or a substituted amine radical $-\text{NR}^7\text{R}^8$, and
- 15 R^4 represents , a substituted $\text{C}_1\text{-}\text{C}_{19}$ aliphatic radical, a substituted $\text{C}_1\text{-}\text{C}_7$ alkoxy radical, or a substituted amine radical $-\text{NR}^9\text{R}^{10}$, R^{11} and R^{12} mutually independently represent a substituted $\text{C}_1\text{-}\text{C}_6$ aliphatic radical, or a substituted $\text{C}_5\text{-}\text{C}_7$ cycloaliphatic radical, or a
- 20 substituted amine radical $-\text{NR}^1\text{R}^2$
- 4. The anti-skinning agent of claim 1 wherein the compounds of formula (I) to (III) are in the form of aqueous dispersions or emulsions.
- 25 5. A composition of matter comprising the anti-skinning agent of claim 1.

6. The composition of matter of claim 5 wherein the amount of anti-skinning agent is between 0.001 and 2.0 wt.% based on the composition.

5 7. The composition of matter of claim 5 wherein the amount of anti-skinning agent is between 0.01 to 0.5 wt.%, based on the composition.

10 8. The composition of matter of claim 5 further comprising a pigment.

15 9. The composition of matter of claim 5 wherein the composition is a colorless or pigmented paint, a coating, a printing ink based on oxidatively drying binders, an oxidatively drying paint system, or a spraying agent in a printing ink.